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5. *Philortyx personatus*, sp. nov.

SP. CHAR.—Differing from *P. fasciatus* Gould, in having the forehead, cheeks, and throat uniform black, instead of having these parts brown and white, respectively; bill light brown, instead of black (possibly darker in fully adult). Wing, 3.80; tail, 2.00; culmen, .42; tarsus, 1.00; middle toe, 92.

HABITAT. Chietla, State of Puebla.

DESCRIPTIONS OF TWO NEW SPECIES OF BIRDS
SUPPOSED TO BE FROM THE INTERIOR
OF VENEZUELA.

BY ROBERT RIDGWAY.

1. *Pyroderus masoni*, sp. nov.

SP. CHAR.—Most like *P. orenocensis* Lafr., but plumage much darker beneath, the throat and jugulum nearly uniform dark brownish red, the breast and abdomen dark brownish chestnut. (Type, No. 106,051, U. S. Nat. Mus.)

Dedicated to Professor Otis T. Mason, Curator of the Department of Ethnology, United States National Museum.

2. *Aulacorhamphus dimidiatus*, sp. nov.

SP. CHAR.—Similar to *A. atrogularis* (Sturm.), but with the bill very much shorter (culmen, 2.20-2.25), the gonys very little longer than the ramus of the lower mandible, instead of nearly twice as long, and the black stripe along edge of upper mandible much broader. (Type, No. 106,052, U. S. Nat. Mus.)

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF ELF OWL
FROM SOCORRO ISLAND, WESTERN MEXICO.

BY ROBERT RIDGWAY.

Micrathene graysoni, sp. nov.

SP. CHAR.—Similar to *M. whitneyi* (Cooper), but much browner, the plumage entirely without any superficial gray, and the light rusty tail-

bands nearly as broad as the brown interspaces. *Male*: Wing, 4.25; tail, 2.20; culmen, .35; tarsus, .75. *Female*: Wing, 4.05; tail, 1.90; culmen, .35; tarsus, .70. (Types, Nos. 49,678, "♂," and 50,765, "♀," U. S. Nat. Mus., Socorro I.; Col. A. J. Grayson, collector.)

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW GENUS OF OCEANITIDÆ.

BY ROBERT RIDGWAY.

Pealea, gen. nov.

CHAR.—Similar to *Oceanites* Keys. & Blas., but claws very broad, flat, and blunt (as in *Pelagodroma* Reich.), the tarsus exceeding the middle toe with claw by the length of the culmen (to nasal tube), and the first quill equal to or longer than the third.

Type, *Thalassidroma lineata* Peale.

The type-species is colored above much like *Oceanites oceanicus*, but very differently beneath, the belly and flanks being white marked with wedge-shaped stripes of dusky. Some of the under wing-coverts are likewise white, as is also the basal portion of the rectrices. The webs of the feet are wholly dusky. The tarsi are booted. as in *Oceanites*.

The genus is named in honor of Mr. Titian R. Peale, the very accomplished naturalist of the United States Exploring Expedition under Commodore Wilkes.

DESCRIPTION OF FOUR NEW SPECIES OF BIRDS FROM THE BAHAMA ISLANDS.*

BY ROBERT RIDGWAY.

1. *Geothlypis coryi*, sp. nov.

SP. CHAR.—In plumage much resembling *G. beldingi*, nobis (from Lower California), but yellow of lower parts with less of an orange tint, the sides and upper parts without any olive-brown tinge, the flanks bright greenish yellow, and the yellow posterior border to the black 'mask' much narrower, and less purely yellow. Form very different, the bill about twice as large, and of different shape. *Female* very different from that of any other known species, being bright olive-green above and entirely pure

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